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Claims 77 (as amended above) and 83 (as amended December 14, 1998) presently depend from claims 66-68. Claims 66 (set forth in the amendment filed December 14, 1998) and 67 (as originally filed) are independent claims. Claim 68 (as amended December 14, 1998) depends only from claim 67. It is therefore submitted that claims 77 and 83 are proper multiple dependent claims.

Claim 82 has been amended to depend only from claim 72, and is submitted to be in proper form. New claim 93 has been added to claim the subject matter which was deleted from claim 82. It is submitted that new claim 93 is in proper form.

It is believed that this is fully responsive to the Communication. If this amendment is not considered to overcome the objection, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned so that clarification can be obtained.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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